also aware of the hardship of these important village officers. Let a committee of officials and non-officials be appointed to enquire into the grievances of Shanbhogs and Patels and let specific recommendations be invited from this committee. Government may then pass suitable orders early on these recommendations and the subject will then have been disposed of once for all The matter should not be allowed to drag on as hitherto. Something should be done to improve the lot of these village officers.

Note.—The subject was noted for consideration.

SUBJECT No. 8.

Toties and Talaries.

Messrs. (1) Ibrahimkhan and Narasimhaiya, Sira Taluk; (2) Kenchappa, Holalkere Taluk; Basavannappa, Davangere Taluk and Viraiya, Hiriyur Taluk and (3) Naraharaiya, Nelamangala Taluk, and Chikka Guruva Reddi, Bangalore Taluk.

(1) Final orders have not been passed on the grant of *miras* to Toties and Talaries. Orders may be issued early.

(2) As the raiyats are not paying *miras* to Toties and Talaries regularly, their difficulties are enormous. Unless a fixed pay is given to them, no work can be got out of them.

(3) The burden of paying *miras* to Toties and Talaries should not be thrown on the raiyats who are hard pressed in these days. It is better that some salary is fixed for them.

The present day conditions do not allow the old system to be changed. People are already heavily burdened and it is not possible for them to pay more than what they are doing now. All collections are made by the efforts of Patels and Shanbhogs. Further, these Totis and Talaris are enjoying *Inamtis*. If it pleases Government, they may confirm the *inamtis* but our prayer is not to change the present system.

Dewan.—Orders have been issued on 15th October 1920.

SUBJECT No. 9.

Abolition of the Irrigation cess.

Messrs. (1) Mir Mahomed Sab, Tarikere Taluk; Hoskoppa Krishna Rao, Koppa Taluk; Honnaiya Heggade, Malnad Landholders' Association; Chennakesava Rao, Koppa Taluk and C. Srinivasa Rao, Kadur District Board; (2) N. Srinivasa Udapa, Nagar Taluk, Nadig Bhaskara Rao, Nadig Lakshmana Rao, Nadig Seetaramappa, Sorab Taluk and (3) B. Srinivasa Iyengar and R. Subba Rao, Anekal Taluk, Gubbiah, Anekal

Mr. Mir Mohammed Sab.—The imposition of the irrigation cess after re-survey has caused enormous difficulties to the poor, Government are aware of the difficulties of raising crops during these days of scanty rainfall. If Government can only guarantee crops, we will not have the slightest objection to pay the cess not only at ½ anna but even at 2 annas per rupee. No sort of benefit is derived from this fund but still people are forced to pay all the same. If water is supplied during one year, there will be no supply for four years or more. Even the D. P. W., who are spending thousands of rupees are not able to supply us regularly with water. As such, nothing more can be expected of the ryots.